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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Soviet Bloc Shipping To and From Cuba

1. On 7 November there were 11 Soviet dry cargo ships and one European Satellite dry cargo ship en route to Cuba. In addition to these ships, the USSR has five tankers en route to Cuba, as well as one passenger ship, the Gruzziya, which is carrying 100 passengers and a cargo of wheat flour.

2. The Soviet passenger ship Nikolaevsk left Cuba on the 5th of November and it is possible that she is returning some of the Soviet technicians to the USSR, although we have not been able to confirm this.

3. Of most interest in the past few days are the activities of the Soviet dry cargo ships departing Cuba with missiles and missile associated equipment. The Dinnogorsk which left Mariel on 5 November was the first Soviet ship to have carried missiles and missile transporters away from Cuba. On the night of 6 November she was well on her way toward the Atlantic with three missiles and transporters on her deck. The Metallurg Anasov has left with 8 missiles on deck and is nearly in the Atlantic.

4. The Labinsk which probably loaded missile-associated equipment at Mariel, departed from Havana on 6 November. The Bratsk left Mariel on 5 November heavily loaded with missile-associated equipment. The Ivan Polzunov left Mariel on 6 November loaded with at least 17 missile erectors, 4 launch stands, and other missile equipment.

5. Several other Soviet ships are current loading missiles and transporters at the ports of Mariel and Casilda. Among these are the Volgoles which is now in Mariel to load at least 7 missiles.

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